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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KRAFT ET AL.

Examiner

Joy K. Contee

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-8 have been considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vanska et al. (Vanska), US 7,072,672, in view of DeTemple et al. (DeTemple), US Patent No. 5,572,653.

Regarding claims 1-15, Vanska discloses a mobile telephone configured with an RF-ID tag and an RF-ID reader (see Fig. 1 and col. 3, lines 22-31 and col. 4, line 49- col. 5, line 30).

Vanska does not disclose wherein the mobile telephone is configured (and method for handling business relations and business activities) to handle business relations and business activities, said telephone comprising means for: receiving a command from a user via a user interface, acting on said command resulting in an activation of a functional unit comprising means for: receiving user commands and data,

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manipulating said data, storing said data in any of a customer database, a resource booking database and a cash register database, presenting output data to the user.

In a similar field of endeavor, DeTemple discloses handling business relations and business activities, said telephone comprising means for: receiving a command from a user via a user interface, acting on said command resulting in an activation of a functional unit comprising means for: receiving user commands and data, manipulating said data, storing said data in any of a customer database that can at least track customer/supplier data exchanges and credit/debit amounts, a resource booking database that can at least track available business resources and customer requests for those resources and a cash register database that can at least track sales and generate sales reports, presenting output data to the user (see col. 4, lines 15-41 and col. 7, line 66 to col. 8, lines 35 and lines 67 and col. 9, lines 22-66).

At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Vanska to include remote electronic information as described in DeTemple since the mobile terminal in Vanska includes the RFID and read functionalities.

Conclusion

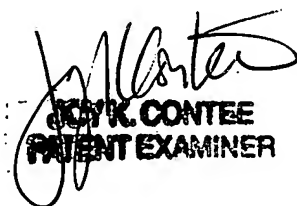
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joy K. Contee whose telephone number is 571.272.7906. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha Banks-Harold can be reached on 571.272.7905. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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